

YELLOW KITCHENS

Blameless yellow kitchens.
Whenever we move
into a new rented place
always with beige kitchens
god awful timid beige
damn babyshit beige
puppy barf beige kitchens
we always paint it
yellow
blameless yellow kitchens
buttercup yellow
Checker cab taxi yellow
like butter on a stack of pancakes,
this merciful maybe hopeful
yellow
sour yellow lemon
or the soul of sunflower yellow
sooner or later
we paint those beige kitchens
yellow.

I mean bright yellow, two coats.
You have to put on your sunglasses
when you walk into one of those
yellow kitchens.

-- David Barker

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